

## CITIZENSHIP GOALS FOR PARENTS

### WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW:

The business of bringing up children isn't easy, but it needn't be too hard. You will make mistakes, of course--you have to in order to learn. But like your child you'll gradually develop more confidence and sureness, and if you are thoughtful, you won't make the same mistake twice.

The important thing is to understand your child, and what he needs. This helps him to be healthy and happy; and a healthy, happy child gives little real trouble. It will be natural for him to cooperate with you.

- He needs your love and affection
- He needs to feel well cared for and contented
- He needs to know what you expect of him
- He needs the chance to develop, to do more and more for himself
- He slowly learns from you to know what is right and wrong and to build up his own discipline within himself, even when you're not there;

This is the real aim of discipline.

1. Parents must be present during all phases of intake.
2. Parents are to be a part of a systematized planning process for child's program, i.e. participation in committees and educational programs.
3. Parents should ask to be informed on a regular basis of the child's progress and needs.
4. Parents must attend no less than three (3) scheduled parent conferences per year (fall, winter and spring). In cases of special problems, parents may be called upon for more than three conferences and are expected to attend.
5. Parents should notify appropriate staff when child is absent or an absence is anticipated.
6. Parents should notify staff as to who will bring and pick up child if changed during the year. Parents must also let child know who is going to pick him/her up and insist that he/she leaves with no one else.
7. Parents should make sure that children attend on a regular basis except in case of illness.

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8. Parents should make sure special appointments are kept. In cases where appointments cannot be kept, parents must be considerate enough to cancel.
9. Parents are to be actively involved in volunteer work.
10. Parents should notify persons responsible for child's program with regard to requests and complaints.
11. Parents should seek out information about child.
12. Parents and Tri-City should agree on non-abusive discipline.
13. Parents should help children learn how to take care of their personal needs, i.e. toilet habits, tying shoes, etc. This helps child to become independent.
14. Parents should make sure that children come to school clean and orderly.
15. Parents and staff should help the child address other adults as Mr., Miss, Ms. or Mrs. for adults that request it. Those adults that would like to have children address them as stated above are responsible for informing the parents and teacher and they in turn are responsible for following through.
16. Parents should work with children in a cooperative manner--considerate and helpful to each other.
17. Parents should understand that home is a school.
18. Parents should make sure that children get proper rest. This is absolutely necessary if child is to be alert and productive in class.
19. Parents should make sure that their children get three nutritious meals per day.
20. Parents should make sure that good communication exists between them and their children.
21. Parents should help children learn to take care of property at home and at school.
22. Parents should help child respect rights of themselves and others.
23. Parents should notify school and Tri-City of special illness or health problems.
24. Parents must respect the rights of children to question policies and procedures.

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Staff Citizenship Objectives

The Tri-City staff should at all times set an example of good citizenship by displaying the Tri-City Philosophy when or wherever he/she may be.

1. Staff persons must have self control.
2. Staff persons must have a sincere liking for children.
3. Staff must be understanding and considerate of the individual needs of parents, children, staff and other people.
4. Teachers must be flexible and versatile in their teaching.
5. Staff must not discriminate against anyone.
6. Teachers must learn to accept the child at his level of development.
7. Staff must become involved with some of the activities of the center and the community.
8. Teachers must accept responsibility to organize and to prepare lesson plans.
9. Staff is expected to report for work everyday and on time.
10. In cases where a staff must be absent or late, ample notice must be given to supervisor.
11. Staff must treat everyone as an individual and with dignity.
12. All staff must treat staff parents the same way they would other parents.
13. All staff must be willing to give assistance to any program whenever needed.
14. All staff must respect the parents right to question our policy and procedures.
15. All staff must be willing to accept constructive criticism and be self critical.
16. The staff should not get involved in idle gossip.
17. The staff has the responsibility to report to the administrator any information that may be harmful or against the organization.
18. The staff has the responsibility of reporting any child suspected to be abused.
19. The staff has the responsibility to take any child with visible signs of abuse to receive professional examination or treatment. This can be done without notice to the parents.

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Citizenship Objectives for Children

1. A good citizen pays attention in class and completes any work he/she has started to the best of his/her ability.
2. A good citizen does not make fun of other people and treat all people as equals, regardless of race, nationality, etc.
3. A good citizen does not disturb others.
4. A good citizen takes his/her turn when playing.
5. A good citizen does not hurt others or come to Tri-City with weapons and refrains from physical or verbal abuse of others.
6. A good citizen keeps his/her classroom clean.
7. A good citizen listens and follow instructions.
8. A good citizen obeys all posted and verbal regulations at Tri-City, on field trips and in the community.
9. A good citizen has good manners and says please, thank you, sorry, excuse me, et
10. A good citizen obeys all safety rules and regulations.
11. A good citizen does not speak when others are speaking.
12. A good citizen is present and on time every day.
13. A good citizen does not destroy or deface any property or materials.
14. A good citizen returns all materials to their proper place.
15. A good citizen only takes what belongs to him/her or what he/she asked for.
16. A good citizen remains in his/her designated work area and receives permission to leave at any given time.
17. A good citizen learns to know what is right and wrong and to build up his/her own discipline within himself even when he/she is unsupervised.
18. A good citizen does not spit, write on the wall or floors, throw furniture or material, break windows, litter or tear and damage materials in or out of Tri-City.
19. A good citizen shares and helps others whenever he/she can.